

ENERGY STAR in K-12 Schools – Good for Your Budget and the Environment

K-12 schools may obtain significant reductions in energy bills by changing purchasing policies to specify ENERGY STAR qualified products. The table below presents a typical basket of ENERGY STAR qualified products – monitors, TVs, vending machines, electric steam cookers, and hot food holding cabinets – typically found in schools. These products can save you over \$41,000 in electricity costs and prevent 484 tons of carbon dioxide emissions over their lifetime compared to conventional products.

Simple Steps to Significant Savings at a Typical K-12 School				
Action	Annual Energy & Maintenance Savings	Annual CO2 Reduction (Tons)	Life-Cycle Energy Savings	Life-Cycle CO2 Reduction (Tons)
For every 100 monitors using ENERGY STAR power management to enable low-power sleep setting network wide (15" CRT):	\$2,400	24	\$8,800	98
For every 100 ENERGY STAR qualified TVs in use:	\$300	3	\$2,300	28
For every 10 conventional vending machines replaced with ENERGY STAR versions:	\$1,800	18	\$17,200	249
For one ENERGY STAR qualified electric steam cooker in use:	\$1,200	5	\$9,900	52
For one ENERGY STAR qualified hot food holding cabinet in use:	\$500	5	\$3,300	57
Totals	\$6,200	55	\$41,500	484

Figures obtained from calculators on the Purchasing & Procurement Web page; savings have been rounded to the nearest hundred for simplicity. Calculators may be downloaded (right-click) or used from the Web (left-click).

To Learn More

The Purchasing and Procurement Web site (www.energystar.gov/purchasing) helps you locate ENERGY STAR products by brand and model number, understand the differences between ENERGY STAR and non-ENERGY STAR products, and determine savings with ENERGY STAR. Additional savings would result from enabling ENERGY STAR features on copiers and other office products, and using ENERGY STAR fryers, refrigerators, and freezers.

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